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PATENT  
Docket No. GC527

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of

David Estell & Fiona Harding

Serial No.: 09/062,872

Filed: April 14, 1998

For: Mutant Proteins Having Lower  
Allergenic Response in Humans and  
Methods for Constructing, Identifying  
and Producing Such Proteins



Group Art Unit: 1644

Examiner: D. Saunders

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 26, 1999, the Applicants respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following remarks. For the convenience of the Examiner, the pending claims are attached as Appendix I.

**In the Claims.**

Please amend claim 13 as follows:

13. (Once amended) A method of reducing the allergenicity of a protein comprising the steps of  
(a) identifying a T-cell epitope in said protein;

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